



Testimony of Behalf of the South Windsor Chamber of Commerce
Regarding
HB 6402 "An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Laws"
Energy and Technology Committee
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On behalf of the South Windsor Chamber of Commerce, I, Shari Fiveash, Executive Director of the Chamber, am submitting this testimony in support of HB 6402, "An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Laws". For over 40 years, the chamber has dedicated itself to the betterment of South Windsor's business and civic community. We continue to do our part to create a vibrant economy so that our families, friends and neighbors can continue to live and prosper here.

As business advocates, we hear about the needs of businesses thinking of locating in the state and in South Windsor specifically. These days, due to the rapidly changing telecommunications world, businesses are using technology to perform core functions. In many instance the availability of a fully developed broadband infrastructure and connection to that network drives where businesses locate. If we continue down the path of over regulation and uneven regulation we will not experience the business growth that we are capable of in Connecticut.

As we have seen with the potential development of the Connecticut Studios, a movie production studio, in South Windsor, many components make up the decision of whether a business comes to a town or any state. One component is a highly developed broadband network, particularly for those digital businesses that need to transmit extremely large data files to places across the country or around the world. This infrastructure allows a company to be international from anywhere.

By decreasing the regulatory burden on telecommunications companies, you free up much needed capital to continue to invest in the networks. The appetite for capacity on these networks is insatiable for the foreseeable future, simply saying that what we have today is good, is not understanding the ever changing nature of telecommunications.

For these reasons I respectfully urge the committee to support Connecticut's businesses and lend your support to HB 6402 "An Act Modernizing the State's Telecommunications Laws". Thank you for your time and consideration to this important matter.

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